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SUBJECT: JAPANESE EMBASSY QUERIES ABOUT PRESS REPORTS
CONCERNING KOREAN PRM

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY REQUESTED US COMMENT ON MAY 1 AKAHATA
NEWS ARTICLE BASED ON AN APRIL 29 JIJI NEWS REPORT SOURCED
TO A WHITE HOUSE MILITARY ADVISER. EMBASSY IDENTIFIED THE
FOLLOWING THREE POINTS AS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO GOJ:

A--THAT UNDER PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN KOREAN PRM, US MARINES
STATIONED IN OKINAWA WOULD BE REGULARLY SENT TO KOREA FOR
ROTATIONAL TRAINING. THE ARTICLE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY
STATE THAT THIS WOULD BE AFTER US TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM
KOREA BUT THAT WAS THE PRESUMED THRUST.

B--THAT IN THE KOREAN PRM THE USG HAD DECIDED THAT IT WAS
NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN KOREA AND THAT IF
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THE NECESSITY DID ARISE, AIRCRAFT CARRIERS ARMED WITH
NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO THE AREA TO COPE
WITH ANY CONTINGENCY.

C--THAT UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, THE US POLICY OF
NEITHER CONFIRMING NOR DENYING THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS HAS BEEN ABANDONED AND THAT THE QUESTION IS BEING

RESPONDED TO ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

2. THE EMBASSY WISHES OUR COMMENT TO USE IN CASE OF DIET
QUESTIONS. WE WILL RESPOND IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

CONCERNING THE KOREAN PRM, WE ARE NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON
PRESS REPORTS OF WHAT MIGHT BE IN A POLICY REVIEW
MEMORANDUM. THE USG, AS WE HAVE STATED PUBLICLY, WILL
CONSULT WITH THE GOJ ON THE QUESTION OF GROUND FORCE
WITHDRAWALS FROM THE ROK AND RELATED QUESTIONS.

3. THE NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY PRINCIPLE CONCERNING
NUCLEAR WEAPONS REMAINS IN EFFECT.

4. ABOVE MAY BE DRAWN UPON FOR DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND FOR PRESS QUERIES.
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